

Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting Minutes September 4, 2008

**6:30 p.m.
Board Room
Tempe Public Library,
3500 So. Rural Road, Tempe AZ**

(MEMBERS) Present:

Chair Mason Murphy, Co Vice-Chair Robert Kizere, Paul Bennewitz, José De La Torre, Darrell Shandrow (phone), Aaron Edgell, Cyndi Newburn, Linda Bergevin (phone)

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Co Vice-Chair Nora Nuñez, Matthew Jellison, Jacque Olsen, Frank Emery, Janie Shelton

Staff Present:

Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

Guests present:

Mark Sorenson, Metro Transit; Dawn Coomer, COT; Jason Hartong, COT

Meeting convened at 6:38 p.m., Chair Mason Murphy called the meeting to order.

Public Appearances:

None

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: 7/3/08 Commission minutes, moved, Paul Bennewitz, seconded Cyndi Newburn, unanimous approval without changes.

2. Presentation by Mark Sorenson, Metro Transit (Consultant) / Dawn Coomer, COT Transportation Planner. Quick and comprehensive Power Point slide show review of the many transit options studied for the 24 month South Tempe Corridor study, as required by the federal planning process seeking public comment on all options being considered. These options include several combinations of bus and rail transit possibilities and bus only options to move riders north to the downtown core areas to intersect with the new light rail system and with the ASU main campus. It will be some 2 more years before the final option is in place, with multiple steps through the Tempe City Council, as well as approvals through the Maricopa County Association of Governments (MAG) and the Valley Metro. Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA).

3. Presentation by Jason Hartong (on behalf of Greg Jordan), COT Transit Operations Coordinator. Power Point slide show presentation about the various local Tempe bus routes and schedule changes being put into effect by Valley Metro RPTA (on or before the date) when the new light rail system begins operation on December 27, 2008. Also presented were any changes to the routes and schedules for the ASU Flash and the COT Orbit neighborhood bus systems. Comments by Commissioner Newburn regarding the ongoing lack of ANY free

neighborhood transit services (Orbit) south of Highway 60 was duly noted by Mr. Hartong. He explained that this continues to be an issue related to an ongoing lack of funding to expand Orbit routes, not an oversight by the City of Tempe.

4. Tempe Rental Housing – Aaron Edgell

- No report

5. Architectural Compliance Committee - Matthew Jellison

- No report, other than staff noting that the next meeting will be on September 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pyle Center. At that time they will consider another move of the meeting day of the month to perhaps the 4th Thursday, in order to have meetings available for Commissioner José De la Torre to participate.

6. Dial-A-Ride Update – Darrell Shandrow

- No Report

7. Vial of Life Update – Staff

- Staff has communicated numerous times by phone and e-mail to Tracy Scott at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital to secure sample mock-ups of new Vial of Life products to be sure that they meet the City's standards. Staff will contact vendor directly to secure these products.

8. Mayor's Awards Committee Update – Paul Bennewitz

- No report, since this Committee has not yet met since the April 30 event. Next meeting scheduled on September 17, Tempe Community Council office from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

9. Report from the Child-Ability Committee – Linda Bergevin

- No update at this time.

10. Parks and Recreation Committee Update – Frank Emery

- No Report. Staff shared that Commissioner Emery is not available until January, 2009 but wants to continue as a Commissioner.

Diversity/ADA Office Update

Staff Liaison presented several ADA complaint issues as examples of current community concerns.

Topics for Future Meetings:

- Mark Vinson, Principal City Architect, October 2, presentation on Elements Art Project
- Amy Rocker, Navigator, AZ One-Stop Center (Employment Services), Gilbert, AZ
- SMARTCARD update from City of Scottsdale
- Rich Nolan, Past President of Commission

Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Prepared by: Karl Stephens

Karl W. Stephens
Staff Liaison, ADA Compliance Specialist